

What is Claimed is:

1. A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel comprising:
5 a first portion; and
a second portion adapted to interconnect with said first portion;
wherein one of said first portion and said second portion is a cushion structure having at least one
10 insert.
2. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said first portion and said second portion are each secured to a different one of a pair of side
15 panels of the brassiere.
3. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is fixedly secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
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4. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is releasably secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
- 25 5. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said cushion structure is a pouch.
6. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5, wherein said pouch has a first body contacting layer
30 and a second layer.

7. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6,
wherein said first layer is more stretchable than said
second layer.

5 8. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6,
wherein said first layer is selected from the group
consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament
material, and any combinations thereof.

10 9. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 8,
wherein said first layer comprises polyester,
microfiber, cotton, nylon, spandex, power mesh, and any
combinations thereof.

15 10. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6,
wherein said second layer is selected from the group
consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament
material and any combinations thereof.

20 11. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 10,
wherein said second layer comprises polyester,
microfiber, cotton nylon, spandex, power mesh and any
combinations thereof.

25 12. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6
wherein said first layer is microfiber spandex.

13. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6,
wherein said second layer is microfiber spandex.

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14. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 6,
wherein said first layer has a first free-end and said
second layer has a second free-end.
- 5 15. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14,
wherein said first free-end and said second free-end
are mutually connectable.
16. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14,
10 wherein said first and second free-ends are fixedly
connected.
17. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14,
wherein said first and said second free-ends are
15 releasably connected.
18. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5,
wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said
pouch.
- 20 19. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1,
wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a
cushioning substance.
- 25 20. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19,
wherein said film further comprises a border
therearound.
21. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19,
30 wherein said cushioning substance is selected from a
groups consisting of gel, foam, cotton batting, fiber
fill, water, silicone, and any combinations thereof.

22. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19,
wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
23. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5,
5 wherein said at least one insert is removably connected
to said pouch.
24. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1,
wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.
- 10 25. A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel
comprising:
a first portion; and
a second portion adapted to interconnect with said
15 first portion;
wherein one of said first portion and said second
portion is a pouch, adapted to contact a body,
containing an insert capable of reducing pressure
against the body and enhancing conformability to the
20 body.
26. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said pouch comprises a first layer having a
first free-end and a second layer having a second
25 free-end.
27. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26,
wherein said free-ends are mutually connectable.
- 30 28. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26,
wherein said free-ends are releasably connected.

29. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26,
wherein said free-ends are fixedly connected.
- 5 30. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a
cushioning substance.
31. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30,
wherein said film further has a border therearound.
- 10 32. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30,
wherein said cushioning substance comprises gel, foam,
cotton batting, fiber fill, water, silicone.
- 15 33. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30,
wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
34. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said pouch is fixedly secured to said article
20 of apparel.
35. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said pouch is removably secured to said article
of apparel.
- 25 36. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said
pouch.
- 30 37. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said insert is removably connected to said
pouch.

38. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.
- 5 39. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said article of apparel is an undergarment.
40. The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25,
wherein said article of apparel is a brassiere.